



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADE MARK OFFICE**

Re: Patent Application of Daniel Davidson  
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action for the above identified application mailed from the US Patent Office on June 8, 2009. This response is being filed within the first month of extension. A Request for a One Month Extension of Time accompanies this response.

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**Amendments to the Claims** begins on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11.

<p align="center"><b>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</b> <b>UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a)</b></p> <p>I hereby certify that this paper, along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date indicated below, with sufficient postage, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</p> <p>BY: <u><i>Sam M. Murphy</i></u> DATE: <u><i>October 8, 2009</i></u></p>
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